# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4431
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NARMADA VALLEY PROJECT
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the basis on which his ministry has approved the water project report of the River Valley Project;

(b) the funds provided to various watershed projects (phase-wise) as per the annual targets, under the Narmada Valley Development Authority to the Madhya Pradesh Government during the last three years alongwith the amount spent unit-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have made any assessment in this regard;

(d) if so, whether the Narmada Valley Project Authority have ignored the norms regarding approved annual expenditure pattern phase-wise;

(e) if so, the details of the amount provided to the Madhya Pradesh and Narmada Valley Project Authority under river valley project;

(f) whether Narmada Valley Development Authority, Bhopal has furnished the details of the accounts of the said amount; and
(g) if not, the action taken against the officials responsible for furnishing such details?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The catchments covered under River Valley Projects are surveyed by a CentralOrganization, namely, All India Soil and Land Use Survey and the catchments are divided into small watersheds, which are prioritized into five categories i.e. Very High, High, Medium, Low and Very Low, according to the magnitude and criticality of degradation of watersheds due to soil erosion and run-off. Only High and Very High degraded Watersheds are eligible for treatment under the scheme. The watersheds proposed by State Government of these categories are only approved following the guidelines of the scheme.

(b)to(g): The funds provided by Government of India to the State of Madhya Pradesh, forimplementation of River Valley Project by Departments of Agriculture and Narmada Valley Development, for last three years and expenditure reported by State Government are annexed.

An assessment of the performance of the State Government with respect to physical and financial achievements has indicated that the targets set could not be achieved. The State Government were advised to improve the implementation of the Scheme in the State.

ANNEXURE

Statement showing yearwise central assistance released and expenditure made during last 3 years in Madhya Pradesh under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of River Valley Projects.

Rs. in Crore

| S.No. | Year | MADHYA PRADESH | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Agriculture Deptt. | | Narmada Valley Dev. Deptt. | |
| | | Release | Expenditure | Release | Expenditure |
| 1. | Balance as on 1.4.97 (Revalidated) | 3.64 | 0.26 | | |
| 2. | 1997-98 | 7.00 | 6.87 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| 3. | 1998-99 | 10.33 | 8.70 | 5.60 | 3.72 |

4. 1999-2000 8.00 8.03 5.00 4.38
Total 28.99 23.60 12.86 10.10